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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Rod Nichols who has indicated to me you have an interest in tropical medicine.

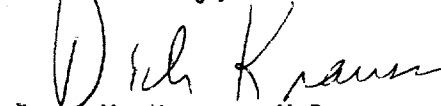
As you probably know, I left Rockefeller University two years ago to become Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Our Institute has the primary responsibility within the National Institutes of Health for research on the infectious diseases of the tropics. We of course, are concerned not only with the parasitic diseases, but also with the bacterial and virus diseases which are of major importance in the tropical countries and in the developing regions of the world. I believe I am correct in saying that NIAID has supported Bill Trager's research ever since Rockefeller went off the gold standard and began accepting federal paper money.

For your information, I have enclosed a lecture entitled "Science Knows No Country" which I delivered recently at the Anglo-American Conference on Tropical Medicine in London. In this lecture, I tried to set forth some of the issues concerning the role of research in these difficult health problems and at the same time identify several new administrative initiatives which we plan to implement in an effort to foster research on these diseases.

I have enclosed, also for your information, in case it has not been sent to you in the past, our most recent annual report entitled "Sure Foundations."

I would be delighted to discuss these or other matters with you at sometime in the future when you are in Washington or when we are both in New York at the same time.

Yours sincerely,

  
Richard M. Krause, M.D.  
Director, National Institute of  
Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Enclosure

cc: Rodney W. Nichols